Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—The Deputy Commissioner is there to find out.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has he reported that there is no scarcity or distress there?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—No Sir.

Changing the form of Land Revenue Collection.

Q.—126. Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government to pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are contemplating to change the form of land revenue collection from that of coin to that of kind ;

(*b*) if so, what is the total land revenue collected in the State;

(*c*) the total land revenue that can be realised if it is collected in kind ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) The matter is under examination).

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

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Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Surely, there cannot be any consideration without any basis.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know the basis upon which the consideration is going on ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—It is still being examined.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—I want to know whether.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister says that the whole thing is under examination.

Steps to alleviate distress in Pavagada and Madhugiri Taluks.

Q.—382. Sri C. T. HANUMANTHAIYA (Pavagada—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that famine prevails in Pavagada and Madhugiri Taluks;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by them to alleviate the distress ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No. Only distress conditions prevail in these taluks.

(*b*) The following steps have been taken to alleviate the distress :—

1. Works such as formation of roads, construction of temporary wells and gokattes, deepening of the existing wells have been undertaken under the Distress Relief Programme with a view to provide labour to the unemployed ryots and to provide water to men and cattle. A sum of Rs. 16,115-14-3 and a sum of Rs. 13,000 have been spent in the taluks of Pavagada and Madhugiri, respectively.

2. Fodder is being imported from Mandya District and sold to the poor *bona fide* ryots at a reduced rate of four pies per pound at the Hobli and Circle Headquarters in these taluks. The quantities of hay noted below have been sent to each of these taluks so far. Arrangements have also been made to supply hay during the remaining portion of this month. Some consignments of free gift of hay have been sent from Mandya to the poor people of Sira, Madhugiri and Pavagada Taluks.

Pavagada	...	50 tons.
Madhugiri	...	45 tons.

3. To give further relief to the ryots, Government have suspended half the dry assessment and remitted the other half in these taluks. The probable amounts suspended and remitted are as follows :—

Taluk.	*Suspension.*		*Remission.*
	Rs.		Rs.
Pavagada ...	24,675	...	24,675
Madhugiri ...	23,860	...	23,860

In addition to this, action has also been taken to give relief to the ryots by way of giving seasonal remission of half